

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rizzardi et al. Docket: 1999US001
 Serial No.: 09/738,623 Group Art Unit: 1751
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 For: Process for Pre-Treating Cellulosic Fibers and Cellulosic Fiber Blends

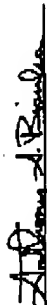
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$430.00 or whatever fee may be required for such an extension to Account No. 03-2060 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to deposit account 03-2060.

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